

***WARREN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS***

October 14, 2015

5:45 PM

***No Wake Zone
Public Hearing***

No Wake-Zone Public Hearing

Agenda

- 1. Chairman or designee call Public Hearing to Order - 5:45 pm**
- 2. Clerk to the Board Read Notice of Public Hearing**
- 3. Overview of No Wake Zone Request, Officer Richard Creech, Sergeant / Division of Law Enforcement NC Wildlife Resources Commission**
- 4. Clerk to the Board Read Public Hearing Procedures**
- 5. Citizen Comments**
- 6. County Manager and/or Commissioner Comments**
- 7. Adjourn Public Hearing**

Public Hearing - Item # 1

**5:45 pm Chairman or designee
call Public Hearing to Order**

Public Hearing - Item # 2

**Clerk to the Board
Read Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice of Public Hearing
Request for No Wake Zone on Six Pound Creek, Lake Gaston

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby served that the Warren County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 5:45 PM in the Warren County Armory Civic Center, 501 US Hwy. 158 Business-East, Warrenton, NC 27589. The purpose of this hearing is to receive citizen comments regarding: **Request for Establishment of No Wake Zone on Six Pound Creek, Lake Gaston.**

All questions or written comments should be directed to:

Linda T. Worth, Warren County Manager
Post Office Box 619
602 West Ridgeway Street
Warrenton, North Carolina 27589
Telephone: (252) 257-3116
lindaworth@warrencountync.gov

All interested citizens are urged to attend this public hearing.

Barry Richardson, Chairman
Warren County Board of Commissioners

Public Hearing - Item # 3
Overview of No Wake Zone Request

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Richard Creech

Sergeant // Division of Law Enforcement
NC Wildlife Resources Commission



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----- Original Message -----

From: [Michele Wilkins](mailto:stugaville@embarqmail.com)

To: stugaville@embarqmail.com

Sent: Friday, April 10, 2015 2:33 PM

Subject: Inquiry from LGWSC website

Good afternoon Susie –

My name is JC Wilkins - We have a home located at 108 N Jacks Dr Macon , NC (backs up on Six Pound Creek)

I have a few concerns that I wanted to bring to your attention . We built and finished our home last summer (July/August) and noticed how the boats come through the area . I am interested in knowing exactly what the rules and laws are for speed , distance off docks , and wakes , etc. I have noticed while trying to dock our boats or jet skis that a lot of people do not tend to slow down - they more or less go right by at the same speed ,

Sometimes two & three wide , towing skiers , tubes ,throwing large wakes – which makes it extremely dangerous & difficult to dock our boats , putting the ones trying to dock the boat and ones around in danger .

I am just concerned about the safety of our children being in the water around our dock since there is not much distance between our dock and the dock at the homes across from ours .

It is our understanding that there have been a few accidents already on Six Pound Creek in the past - This past weekend while we were there , as a friend of ours that lives on six pound creek also was pulling up to the dock , a boater came by so fast and close to the dock that before he could get turned around and docked , the water came up over the back of the boat putting the boat in jeopardy of almost sinking the boat and pushing it into the rip-raf (rocks)

I would also like to know about floating buoys off our docks to keep boats at a safe distance - If this is something that we can do or not ?

We appreciate any assistance / clarity of the rules & laws that you can help us with so that we all have a nice and safe boating season for 2015 . Look forward to hearing from you and/or LGWSC .

Thank You, JC Wilkins

JC, In regards to your questions about Sixpound Creek, it is not a currently designated "No-Wake Zone." Therefore, there are no speed restrictions, distances from docks, etc. that must be maintained by vessels. That being said, NC General Statute 75A-10(a) clearly states "No person shall operate any motorboat or vessel, or manipulate any water skis, surfboard, or similar device on the waters of this State in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person." This is an area that my officers focused on last season as there were a couple of boat accidents in there. Of course, we can't be there all the time. As far as placing bouys to keep boats off of your dock, as long as you only utilize them when you are actually out there your are ok. You can't place them there and leave them there for the summer, etc. As always, if you see any violations occuring, please call our 24/7 communications center in Raleigh at 1-800-662-7137 to report them. If you have any other questions or wish to discuss this further please don't hesitate to email or call me. Thanks!

Sgt. Brandon J. Joyner
NC Wildlife Resources Commission
Division of Law Enforcement
252-886-3605
brandon.joyner@ncwildlife.org

Angelena Kearney-Dunlap

From: Creech, Richard T <richard.creech@ncwildlife.org>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 2:06 PM
To: AngelenaKDunlap@warrencountync.gov
Subject: Re: FYI - No Wake Zone Sixpound Creek - Lake Gaston

I will be there at the meeting. The county is responsible for the purchase and placement of the no wake buoys. The buoys cost between \$200 and \$400, just make sure they are coast guard approved buoys. You can google no wake buoys and get a lot of info on them. I may be able to help with the placement of them. It shouldn't take but two buoys no more than four. If you think of any more questions please email or call me 252-886-3614. Thanks

Richard Creech
Master Enforcement Officer // Division of Law Enforcement

NC Wildlife Resources Commission
Mailing Address: 1720 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1720
office: 800-662-7137 // cell: 252-886-3614

Response from officer Joyner April 2015

- 1-No wake zone is permitted if you can demonstrate a safety issue;
- 2-Board of Commissioners (BOC) must hold a public hearing;
- 3-BOC makes recommendation for No Wake Zone during a regular meeting;
- 4-Warren County provides and maintains buoys; and
- 5-NC Wildlife will continue to enforce laws related to violations.

Public Hearing - Item # 4

Clerk to the Board Read

**Public Hearing
Procedures**

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

This public hearing is being held to hear citizens' comments regarding
Request for a No Wake Zone on

RULES:

- ▶ Please sign up to speak
- ▶ The maximum time allotted to each speaker will be 5 minutes.
The Clerk to the Board will keep time.
- ▶ Any group of people who support or oppose the same position
should designate a spokesperson.
- ▶ Please address only those items which might not have been
addressed by a previous speaker.
- ▶ Order and decorum will be maintained during this hearing.
 - ▶ Please note: Your comments are being recorded.

*Warren County
Board of Commissioners*

Public Hearing - Item # 5

**Citizens
Comments**

Public Hearing - Item # 6

**County Manager
&/or
Commissioner
Comments**

Public Hearing - Item # 7

Adjourn